

CLAIMS:

1. A method of switching between video signals in an image switching apparatus (1), which has a switch (3) for switching between a video signal supplied by a camera (12, 30) and a video signal supplied by a recording apparatus (16, 33), and a circuit (2) for processing the video signal coming from the recording apparatus (16, 33), characterized in that the processing circuit (2) compares the video signal coming from the recording apparatus (16, 33) with the video signal supplied by the camera (12, 30) and then sets an operating mode on the basis of the comparison result.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the time difference between the two video signals is determined in said comparison.
3. A method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that synchronous pulses within the two video signals are compared.
4. A method as claimed in one or more of the previous claims, characterized in that the image contents are compared.
5. An image switching apparatus (1) with a switch (3) for switching between a video signal supplied by a camera (12, 30) and a video signal supplied by a recording apparatus (16, 33), and a circuit (2) for processing the video signal coming from the recording apparatus (16, 33), characterized in that the processing circuit (2) compares the signal output from the camera (12, 30) with the video signal supplied by the recording apparatus (16, 33) and forces the switch (3) of the image switching apparatus (1) into the replay mode if the signals are different.